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In re Application of:
Ashby III et al.

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed April 15, 2003. The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Smits for the courtesies extended during the interview of June 17, 2003. During that interview, the amendments contained herein were discussed. It is Applicants' belief that the subject matter added to each of the independent claims in this amendment does not contain subject matter that would warrant a new examination. Specifically, the subject matter contained in this amendment was inserted merely to comply with requirements of form pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Please amend the case as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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